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8	BEFORE THE	
9	CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
10	STATE OF CA	ALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke	Case No. OA2008-77S
12	Probation Against,	
13	DONALD FELIPE HARRIS	PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION
14	17050 San Bruno Street, Apt. E11 Fountain Valley, CA 92708	,
15	Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate	·
16	No. OTA 1772	
17	Respondent.	
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19	Complainant alleges:	
20	<u>PARTIES</u>	
21	1. Heather Martin (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in her	
22	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the California Board of Occupational Therapy,	
23	Department of Consumer Affairs.	
24	2. On or about May 20, 2008, the California Board of Occupational Therapy issued	
25	Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate Number OTA 1772 to Donald Felipe Harris	
26	(Respondent). The Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate was in effect at all times relevant	
27	to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2011, unless renewed.	
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#### PRIOR DISCIPLINE

3. In a disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of Accusation Against Donald Felipe Harris," Case No. OA2008-77, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, issued a decision, effective April 23, 2010, in which Respondent's Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with certain terms and conditions. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the California Board of Occupational Therapy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 6. Grounds exist for revoking the probation and reimposing the order of revocation of Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate No. OTA 1772 issued to Respondent. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 12, Violation of Probation, which provides as follows:

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order which was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

7. Respondent has violated the conditions of his probation as set forth in the following paragraphs.

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## FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Abstain From Controlled Substances)

8. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 16, Abstain From Controlled Substances, which required Respondent to do the following:

Respondent shall completely abstain from the personal use or possession of controlled substances, as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined in section 4021 and 4022 of the Business and Professions Code, except when lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a bona fide illness.

9. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 16, referenced above. Respondent failed to abstain from the use of controlled substances when he tested positive for morphine on August 2, 2010 and for methamphetamine on August 10, 2010.

## SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Abstain From Use of Alcohol)

10. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 17, Abstain From Use of Alcohol, which required Respondent to do the following:

Respondent shall completely abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages during the period of probation.

11. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 17, referenced above. Respondent failed to abstain from the use of alcohol when he tested positive for both ethyl glucuronide and ethyl sulfate on July 21 and 27, 2010.

## THIRD CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Quarterly Reports)

12. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 2, Compliance with Probation and Quarterly Reporting, which required Respondent to do the following:

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Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of probation established by the Board and shall cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with probation. Respondent, within ten (10) days of completion of the quarter, shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board on a Quarterly Report of Compliance form obtained from the Board.

13. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 2, referenced above. Respondent failed to cooperate with representatives from the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with probation in that Respondent failed to disclose on his Quarterly Report for the period of July through September 2010 that he used alcohol on July 21 and 27, 2010, and used controlled substances on August 2 and 10, 2010. The facts and circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 9 and 11 above.

# FOURTH CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Continuing Education)

14. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 9, Continuing Education Requirements, which required Respondent to do the following:

Respondent shall complete continuing education in the areas of Ethics for six (6) contact hours and Stress Management for six (6) contact hours within six (6) months of the effective date of the Decision. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall submit a written plan to comply with this requirement. The proposed plan shall include the titles of the courses, course description or syllabus, the provider, and contract hours. A Board representative shall approve such plan prior to enrollment of any course of study.

The continuing education work shall be in addition to the professional development activities required for license renewal.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the required continuing education as scheduled shall constitute a violation of probation. Respondent is responsible for all costs of such continuing education. Upon successful completion, Respondent shall send the original certificate he receives for the coursework to the Board within thirty (30) days of completion. Respondent shall send the original certificate to the Board by certified mail, return receipt requested.

15. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 9, referenced above. Respondent failed to complete a continuing education

course in Stress Management within 6 months of the effective date of the Decision and provide the original certificate of completion of the course to the Board.

#### FIFTH CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Cost Recovery)

16. The Board's disciplinary order effective on April 23, 2010, contained Probation Condition 11, Cost Recovery Requirements, which required Respondent to do the following:

Respondent shall reimburse the Board for its costs in the investigation and enforcement of this matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$1,522.00. Failure to make payments in accordance with any formal agreement entered into with the Board or pursuant to any Decision by the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

The Board may conditionally renew or reinstate, for a maximum of one (1) year, the license of any respondent who demonstrates financial hardship. Respondent shall enter into a formal agreement with the Board to reimburse the unpaid costs within that one (1) year period.

Except as provided above, the Board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any respondent who has failed to pay all the costs as directed in a Decision.

17. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 11, referenced above. Respondent and the Board agreed on a payment plan wherein Respondent would make 30 payments to the Board of \$49.10, due on the 23rd of each month, beginning on July 23, 2010. The 31st payment would be in the amount of \$49. Respondent failed to make his November 23, 2010 monthly payment to the Board in the amount of \$49.10 for cost recovery.

### FACTORS IN AGGRAVATION

18. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
Complainant alleges the following aggravating factors. Prior to April 23, 2010, the effective date
of the Decision and Order in this Case, Respondent relapsed and tested positive for morphine,
codeine, cocaine and hydrocodone in drug testing conducted on October 9, 2009, November 6,
2009, December 7, 2009, March 19, 2010 and April 8, 2010 by Western Pacific Stanton Medical
Center. The Board was unaware of these results and Respondent did not disclose these results
prior to entering into the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order in this case.

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## **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Occupational Therapy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the California Board of Occupational Therapy in Case No. OA2008-77 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate No. OTA 1772 issued to Donald Felipe Harris;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Occupational Therapy Assistant Certificate No. OTA 1772, issued to Donald Felipe Harris; and
  - 3 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED Steeling be 2010

HEATHER MARTIN

Executive Officer

California Board of Occupational Therapy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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